

What is claimed is:

1. An on-line system comprising:

a vendor terminal;

a buyer terminal; and

a processor coupled to said vendor terminal and said buyer terminal via the

Internet, said processor comprising a template module configured to provide a proposal template to a user of said vendor terminal for creating a proposal in response to a request-for-proposal created by said a user of said buyer terminal;

2. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor further comprises a vendor team builder module configured to provide a vendor with a means to organize, create and manage a proposal team.

3. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor further comprises a system controller module configured to regulate the functions of said processor, including the managing of stored data on said system.

4. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor further comprises a user interface module and to the internet configured to provide said vendor and said buyer with a method to communicate with said system and with each other.

5. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor further

comprises a proposal analysis module of said system configured to provide a vendor proposal table to facilitate said buyer's decision as to which proposal to accept.

6. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said processor further comprises a broadcast module of said system configured to broadcast said request-for-proposals created by said buyer to said vendors.

7. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said proposal template is configured to automatically save any work performed on said proposal when any member of said proposal team logs off of said proposal template

8. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said proposal template is configured to automatically report any work performed on said proposal stored on said proposal template to the appropriate team leader or manager of said proposal team.

9. An on-line system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said proposal template is configured to provide a security access means, to ensure that only authorized members of said proposal team operate on said proposal.

10. A method comprising the steps of:

at a vendor terminal, receiving a request-for-proposal from a buyer terminal via a processor which is coupled to said vendor terminal and said buyer terminal via the Internet;

said vendor creating a proposal team on a vendor team builder module of said

processor; and

said vendor creating a proposal in response to said request-for-proposal, wherein said proposal is created on a proposal template maintained by a template manager module of said processor.

12. The method of creating a proposal as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of said vendor reviewing said proposal on said proposal template.

13. The method of creating a proposal as claimed in claim 11, further comprising the step of said vendor sending said proposal to said buyer that issued said request for proposal via said online system.

14. The method of creating a proposal as claimed in claim 11, where in said vendor communicates internally between members of said proposal team via on-line system 100

15. The method of creating a proposal as claimed in claim 11, where in said creating of said proposal includes the steps of creation of the proposal at a team member level, review of team member work by a team leader, review of a completed proposal by a project manager and review and submission of a finalized proposal by a marketing lead.